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RE: 2007 Governor's Volunteer Awards Program

The purpose of this letter and application program packet is to provide you with all the necessary details about the 2007 Governor's Volunteer Awards program and ceremonies. The Governor's Volunteer Awards program is an opportunity for you to recognize individual volunteers or groups of volunteers in your school or community for outstanding service or contributions in a formal ceremony by the Governor. **Nomination forms are due at the Iowa Department of Education no later than May 25, 2007**. Please note that absolutely no applications can be accepted after June 1, 2007. Individuals and organizations that are chosen for this award have a special opportunity to receive the recognition that they so richly deserve.

The Governor's Volunteer Awards program has been in existence since 1982, and is a program that has a long history of recognizing volunteers and charitable support to state agencies, their partners, schools and community-based organizations. Governor Culver is continuing that long tradition.

Enclosed with this letter are the nomination forms and procedures you must follow in order to nominate various individuals or groups. Please select only one award type per form. This year, regional ceremonies will be held at various locations around Iowa in the Fall. Award recipients will be notified by mail directly from the Governor's Office and by the Iowa Department of Education.

If you have any questions or comments about the Governor's Volunteer Awards program, please do not hesitate to contact me at <a href="mailto:Joe.Herrity@iowa.gov">Joe.Herrity@iowa.gov</a> or Angie Hutton by phone (515-281-5313) or by email at Angie.Hutton@iowa.gov

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Enclosure: Governor's Volunteer Awards Nomination Form